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1. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN EMIGRATION CASES: LETTER SENT BY SENATOR JACKSON TO AMCIT INTERESTED IN ASSISTING TWO COUSINS AND THEIR FAMILIES (10 PERSONS IN ALL) TO EMIGRATE TO U.S. HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION. SENATOR'S LETTER SAYS: "...AFFIDAVITS (OF SUPPORT) ARE NECESSARY TO THE PROCESSING WHICH THE BUCHAREST EMBASSY MUST DO BEFORE CLEARING THEM (APPLICANTS) FOR FURTHER PROCESSING AS REFUGEES IN A THIRD COUNTRY." THIS INFORMATION IS TECHNICALLY CORRECT. HOWEVER, WE TRY NOT TO DISCUSS THE TCP OPTION WITH ROMANIANS (ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH DISTANT FAMILY TIES IN THE U.S.) UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THEY QUALIFY. WE ARE RETICENT, ESPECIALLY WITH VIENNA ROUTE CLOSED, BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT TO SAY ANYTHING WHICH COULD ENCOURAGE ROMANIANS UNQUALIFIED EVEN FOR TCP (THROUGH UNACCEPTABLE AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT OR 212(A) INELIGIBILITIES) TO APPLY FOR PASSPORTS. WE'D APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING THIS WITH CATHERINE HILL, SUGGESTING IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THERE WERE NO REFERENCE TO THIRD COUNTRY PROCESSING IN ANSWER TO U.S. RELATIVES OF ROMANIANS, BUT THAT AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT SHOULD BE SOLICITED AND THE ROMANIAN RELATIVES BE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT US FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.

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2. MORE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. IN RESPECT TO RECENT APPROVALS LIST (BUCHAREST 920), WE NOTE THAT THREE OF THOSE APPROVED (GOGOIU, BOAMFA, COANDA) ARE INELIGIBLE FOR TCP BY REASON OF (28) OR (9); CASES HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING SUBMITTED TO ROME FOR DETERMINATION. ACCORDING TO APPROVALS LIST, GOGOIU AND BOAMFA BENEFITTED FROM U.S. CONGRESSIONAL

INTERVENTION, THIS DESPITE 212(A) INELIGIBILITIES FOR TCP. PARTICULARLY WITH VIENNA ROUTE CLOSED, WE'D APPRECIATE YOUR TELLING CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS THAT INTERVENTIONS FOR ROMANI-ANS UNQUALIFIED FOR IV'S OR TCP PUT US ON THE SPOT. WHEN THESE PEOPLE RECEIVE PASSPORTS THEY BECOME STRANDEES UNLESS RELIEF CAN BE GRANTED FROM (28) OR (9), OR MISSING AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT CAN BE SECURED. IF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR CASE, THEY'RE WELCOME TO SEND US AN INQUIRY.

3. NITA CASE. (BUCHAREST 546) LATEST WORD FROM NITA IS THAT, ALTHOUGH CHILD SUPPORT ISSUE HAS BEEN SETTLED, AND FURTHER APPEAL IS IMPOSSIBLE, AUTHORITIES HAVE REDISCOVERED THE ISSUE OF ARREARS OF PAYMENT ON HIS APARTMENT, WHICH HE HAD UNTIL RECENTLY BEEN TOLD WAS NOT A PROBLEM. ALTHOUGH NITA TELLS US THAT PASSPORT DIRECTORATE CLAIMS TO BE TRYING TO "SOLVE" THE NEW PROBLEMS, IT COULD BE THAT SOME FURTHER EXPRESSIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST WOULD BE HELPFUL AT THIS POINT: E.G. LETTERS FROM SENATORS JACKSON AND CRANSTON TO AMBASSADOR NICOLAE. LETTERS COULD TAKE LINE THAT SENATORS HAVE FOR SOME TIME UNDERSTOOD THAT NITA HAD BEEN PROMISED A PASSPORT, THAT THEY HAVE HEARD CHILD SUPPORT MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED, AND ARE UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR FURTHER DELAY. COPIES OF THE LETTERS SENT TO US COULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR FUTURE NOTE BY EMBASSY.

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4. NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION VISIT. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED A NICE LETTER FROM MICHIGAN GOVERNOR MILLIKEN'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT JOHN W. VINCENT, ANNOUNCING POSSIBILITY THAT MILLIKEN WILL HEAD DELEGATION OF FOUR GOVERNORS PLUS SPOUSES INVITED TO AUSTRIA AND ROMANIA, PROBABLY AROUND FIRST WEEK OF MAY. LETTER IS DATED JANUARY 30, AND SUGGESTS DECISION WILL HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY TIME WE RECEIVE IT. WE WOULD LIKE TO DO WELL BY GROUP, ESPECIALLY SINCE MILLIKEN WAS IN ROMANIA IN OCTOBER OF 1971 AT POTENTIALLY ROCKY TIME. SANDERS AND I CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE IN GARMISCH FOR DCM/ECON/COM CONFERENCE. COULD YOU CHECK OUT STATUS OF TRIP WITH HODDING CARTER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT JILL A. SCHUKER IN PA, WHO WORKS WITH STEPHEN B. FARBER OF NGA STAFF IN WASHINGTON?

5. VLAD GEORGESCU (BUCHAREST 1015). NICK AND I HAD DINNER WITH HIM LAST NIGHT FEBRUARY 22, AND YOU (AND HARRY) MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW HE HAS RECEIVED BILLINGTON'S INVITATION (WITH ENCLOSED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORM) AND CABLE, WISHES TO GO WITH WIFE, AND HAS WRITTEN AMPLE EXPLANATION IN LAST DAYS TO FIRST DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER PLESITA, ON WHOM HE BELIEVES ALL NECESSARY CLEARANCES (FROM HIS INSTITUTE, ETC.) DEPEND. I WILL BE SENDING BILLINGTON THE FINANCIAL FORM, TOGETHER

WITH EXPLANATION OF WHY SIGNATURE OF FISCAL OFFICER IS NOT OBTAINABLE IN THESE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. SINCE ALL MAIL IS COMING THROUGH AND HE HAD NO TROUBLE WITH MY CONTACT (HE EVEN ENCOURAGED ME TO CALL OCCASIONALLY), AND SINCE HE EXPECTS THEY WOULD JUST AS SOON SEE HIM GO TEPECIALLY DURING PERIOD BEFORE CEAUSESCU VISIT, VLAD IS OPTIMISTIC THAT CLEARANCES WILL BE FORTHCOMING, BUT AGREED TO MY SUGGESTION THAT I SHOULD SEE MIHNEA GHEORGHIU, AS CHAIRMAN OF ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS INSTITUTE, AND AGREED VIGOROUSLY I SHOULD SEE PLESITA. I TALKED TO CULTURAL COUNCIL FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR ILEASA ABOUT HIM AT RESIDENCE DINNER FEBRUARY 21, AND HE SAID I SHOULD SEE GHEORGHIU, SO I HAVE PUT IN FOR A CALL ON HIM. DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF THESE TWO VENTURES IN QUIET DIPLOMACY, WE
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WILL BE CONSIDERING WHAT AMBASSADOR SHOULD DO, IF ANYTHING. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE PUNGAN, SEEING HE HAS ASKED HARD CASES BE BROUGHT TO HIM, OR BURTICA, DURING STILL-OUTSTANDING INTRODUCTORY CALL.
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